

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1426
By McMillan

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of
William O. Shults to the Claims Commission for the
Eastern Division of Tennessee

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-8-301(a), provides that the
Tennessee Claims Commission shall consist of three members, one from each grand division of
the state; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-8-302(e) provides that a vacancy
shall be filled for the remainder of the term by a qualified person appointed by the Governor with
the consent of both houses of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy was created in the Eastern Division with the resignation of
Commissioner Vance Cheek, Jr., whose term of office was to expire on June 30, 2009 and

WHEREAS, Governor Phil Bredesen has appointed Mr. William O. Shults of Newport,
Tennessee, to serve the remaining term of office representing the Eastern Division of
Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shults graduated with honors from Rhodes College, received his
Doctorate of Jurisprudence from C.C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis,
and received a Certificate of Advanced Study in International Management from the American
Graduate School of International Management in Glendale, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shults began his professional career as a clerk to the Honorable C.S.
Carney, Chief Judge for the Tennessee Court of Appeals. Following his clerkship, Mr. Shults
practiced law in Newport, Tennessee before serving as Staff Counsel to the Chairman of the
National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D.C., and then serving as a member of the
legal department of the United Mine Workers of America; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shults currently practices law in Newport, Tennessee, with an emphasis on civil litigation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shults has demonstrated his civic leadership by serving on the Board of Directors of the East Tennessee Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shults's educational and professional experience and legal expertise would be a tremendous asset to the Tennessee Claims Commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-8-302(a), provides that all commissioners appointed to the Tennessee Claims Commission by the Governor shall be subject to confirmation by both houses of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby confirm the appointment of William O. Shults of Newport, Tennessee, to the remainder of the eight (8) year term on the Claims Commission for the Eastern Division of Tennessee, such term to expire on June 30, 2009.